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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**Phillip W. Berman; Laurence A. Lasky**

Application No.: **08/459141**

Filed: **6/2/1995**

For: **Vaccine Based On Membrane Bound Proteins And Process For Making Them**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following document(s) is/are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows.

**In the Title:**

Amend the title to read: Immunogenic Composition Based on a Truncated Derivative of a Membrane Bound Protein and Process for Making It

**In the Claims:**

Cancel Claim 9 without prejudice.

Amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

- N.E.  
Claims 1-9  
are canceled??
1. An immunogenic composition comprising a truncated, membrane-free derivative of a polypeptide comprising a membrane-binding domain and antigenic determinants